

January 20, 2003
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Dear Ms. Bollwerk,

Our nation is a nation of laws. In order for our country to survive, the laws of the land must be enforced in order for our freedom to reign. I served my country in Vietnam with that idea uppermost.

But in certain instances, the letter of the law and the intent of the law seem to be at odds with one another. One such instance involves a leader of our community, Dr. L.R. Collier, MD, FACS.

Dr. Collier is a great lover of the outdoors. Hunting has been a strong tradition of his family for generations. His choosing to live and practice medicine in a rural area was partially determined by the opportunities to be in the outdoor setting every possible minute. This love and enthusiasm for hunting landed him in legal difficulties for failing to adhere to the letter of the law.

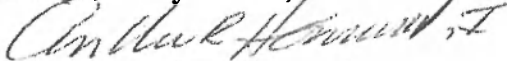
He was convicted according to the letter of the law and paid his debt. The letter of the law was fulfilled. The initial sentence has been served, but the intent of the law, I believe, is being exceeded.

Dr. Collier is a respected member of our community. Generations have looked to him for advice and care. He is sixty-nine years old, but because of his mistake several years ago, he is enduring continuous punishment.

As a member of the community where Dr. Collier lives, I can say with confidence that he is absolutely not a threat. We would love to see this gentleman of advancing years be able to enjoy with his family the sport of hunting.

Therefore, I humbly request that you consider a complete pardon for this man. I can speak with assurance that he has learned the lesson of the letter of the law. Let us not continue to punish him beyond its intent.

Respectfully Yours,



Rev. Andre' R. Howard
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Councilman Andre' R. Howard
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Dear Councilman Howard:

This is in response to your letter of January 29, 2003, supporting the application for presidential pardon of Dr. L.R. Collier.

Dr. Collier's pardon application is under consideration. Your views in his support are appreciated, and your letter has been made part of his clemency file. The executive clemency process frequently is lengthy, and we can offer no assurance that the President will act upon any given application within a particular time frame. While we thus cannot advise you when Dr. Collier may expect a decision on his request, please be assured that he will be notified promptly when final action has been taken on his application.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

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